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“We need to refocus their efforts not on growth, but output ... ”

Simek signs off on performance funding



Spencer Taylor
Managing Editor

UT interim President Jan Simek visited the Martin campus on Tuesday, Aug. 31, to attend a banquet, to hold what was essentially a "state of the system" conference and to discuss the search for UT's new president.

Before taking the stage, Simek casually discussed topics ranging from the then-upcoming home opener against UTM to Vanguard Theatre's lineup for the coming scholastic year. After an introduction from UTM Chancellor Tom Rakes, however, it was all business.

Simek began by discussing what he called "the great imperative" for the state of Tennessee, or the Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010, which was signed into law by Gov. Phil Bredesen in January.

Looking to the future to see how higher education should be streamlined, the Complete College Tennessee Act was born with the intent to reorganize the way matters of higher education are

handled in the state.

One key factor within the act is the handling of funding for higher education institutions, specifically a new look at performance funding.

Under the performance funding formula, which was originally created to boost enrollment size, institutions would gain or lose funding based upon their performance during a given period and set against specific criteria.

"We need to refocus their efforts not on growth, but output: generating college students. We will now be evaluated by other criteria, such as graduation rates, the percentage of freshmen who enter and graduate within, preferably, four or five years," Simek said.

"It's a great change for higher education in the state. We are 100 percent behind it and all of our campuses are behind it as well."

An additional aspect to the Complete College Tennessee Act that met with

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New campus lighting becoming reality

Construction under way in football field parking lot to replace and improve area lighting

Fine Arts staff ready for place to call home



Student Conduct personnel from left: Joe Henderson, Beth Parish, Chad Lyons

Former Dallas police officer becomes student conduct director

Danny Warren
Staff Writer

UTM's new director of Student Conduct, Joe Henderson, has his own philosophy when it comes to student misconduct and it can be summed up in 3 letters: ELO. Henderson believes that when his office works with a student it should be an "educational learning experience."

"UTM is in a small town and I have noticed that that plays a positive role in the amount of student misconduct," Henderson said.

When a student does see Director page 4

Sara Rowland
Staff Writer

In the football field parking lot, students will see concrete bases erected, which look like the beginning of new lighting. That is precisely what it is, said Bud Grimes, director of University Relations. Grimes also said it is part of a larger project for lighting improvement on campus.

"The scope of the project includes upgrading all the existing parking lot lights and pedestrian 'killpop' lights located throughout the campus," said Tim Nipp, director of the Physical Plant.

Nipp said it is a \$3 million stimulus-funded project.

At Hooten, vice chancellor for Finance and Administration, explained how UTM received the funds for the maintenance.

"Originally UTM was not allowed to utilize these funds for campus maintenance projects; however, after



After UTM received permission to use stimulus funding for updated campus lighting, construction for new lighting is under way in the football field parking lot. (Pacer Photo/Handy Cavin)

quite a bit of effort by the University of Tennessee, permission was ultimately granted allowing the use of these funds for maintenance projects," Hooten said.

He added that once UTM

received permission to use stimulus funds for new lighting, the state allowed a fast-track approval system to ensure quick completion of all stimulus-funded projects.

"Thus we were able to

speedily obtain permission to begin this project," Hooten said.

Hooten initially told *The Pacer* in September 2009 that he hoped to receive

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Erin Larkins
Pacer Writer

"There's no place like home" is the feeling among faculty and students within the Visual and Theatre Arts Department.

After moving all classes and offices from the Fine Arts building in the summer of 2009 to various locations around campus, while the building was prepared for renovations, many are now wondering when work will actually begin on the vacant building and when arts and music will once again have a building to call home.

"We really enjoy challenges and meeting challenges outside the building, but we really look forward to the day when we get back inside the building," said Doug Cook, professor and chair of Visual and Theatre Arts.

The apparent slow progress on the building, Cook explained, has been caused by work on finalizing the renovation plans. Plans must

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Tomorrow, expect isolated thunderstorms with a high of 83. Friday, isolated thunderstorms with a high of 86.

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Viewpoints

Editorial: Thanks for making safety a priority

This week one of *The Pacer's* cover stories highlighted the new campus lighting (no pun intended) going up in the football field parking lot. Therefore, we would like to use our space here to thank UTM for working to obtain and install this new lighting as we believe this was much needed to increase safety for students.

In 2007, the then Student Government president was pushing for

"We would like to use our space here to thank UTM for working to obtain this new lighting..."

more campus lighting and *Pacer* stories from that time suggest that lighting had been an issue long before then. Thankfully, the UTM administration's efforts in the past year to get permission to use stimulus funding for new lighting have been successful and this long-desired student want has come to fruition.

UTM has always been considered a safe campus and, compared to many schools, it is safe, but the area is certainly not immune to crime, as we have frequently and sometimes shockingly discovered in the past.

So again, thank you, UTM, for the new lighting and thank you for making our safety a priority.

Editorial Cartoonist: Justin Hunt



Living in Browning or making brownies

Coleen Davis
Guest Columnist

After two semesters of forced dormitory living, I have come to a new realization.

Dorm life. No matter how you look at it, there is always something negative to be said.

Off-campus-apartment-life. No matter how you look at it, dorms pale in comparison.

Here at UTM, we are very lucky when it comes to dorms. We have to live there. If you are a single freshman under the age of 21 who isn't a veteran, have no extreme health problems and no parents within a 50-mile radius of campus, then you have no choice. The dorm it is.

But, once that first year of being a green little wimp is over, a whole new magical world is opened up: off campus.

housing.
Let's look at some of the pros and cons of both scenarios.

Roommate situation in a dorm: If you're lucky, coming into your freshman year you know someone whom you can tolerate living with in a box the size of a large coffin. For the rest of us: either you'll be thrown in with someone who you will keep in touch with for the rest of your life, or (more likely) you will be stuck living with someone who is 1) a psycho, 2) a control freak, or 3) possibly the loudest person alive.

Roommate situation in an apartment: The choice is yours.

Dimensions of a dorm: Think prison cell. Now imagine it just a little bit smaller.

Dimensions of an apartment: About 900 square feet.

Dorm bathrooms: You

know, dorms are interesting because they are about the only place where someone can say to you, "You'll want to leave the light on in the bathroom at all times to prevent the spread of mold," and you're just like, "OK, that's to be expected."

If a real estate agent said that to you while showing you a house, it would not be acceptable. That alone pretty much sums up the bathroom situation for dorms.

Apartment bathrooms: Bathubs. All of a sudden, ladies, shaving your legs is possible again.

Number of times a roommate pours noodles down the bathroom sink in the dorm: 34. (Truth.)

Number of times a roommate pours noodles down the bathroom sink in an apartment: 0.

Cooking in a dorm: Break

out the microwavable Marie Callender dinner.

Cooking in an apartment: How about a three-tier chocolate cake with cream cheese icing?

Noises of the dorm: In a dorm, you can hear at any time of day: when any door in the building opens or closes, every footstep of every person who walks through the halls, the chanting of random frat boys in the volleyball court, every word spoken above a whisper in every neighboring room, and, of course, every sound your roommate makes while using the bathroom.

Noises of an apartment: Carpeted.

Out late while living in the dorm: Enjoy being locked out.

Out late while living in an apartment: Literally no one cares.

Messy dorm room? Don't

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Letter to the Editor

Today I found myself listening to a gentleman in the Quad who spoke about our sins and the path to Christ.

After hearing him address our female student body and their dress code violations, he suggested we males pluck out our eyes because of our lust after them. Short shorts = blindness? I have nothing against any religion, but if this guy can stand on campus and tell me that I should pluck out my eye for lust after females, what's to stop an extremist religion from telling me to kill Americans because of their beliefs? Example: If I dress up and preach from the Satanic bible and scream out to campus bystanders, "Blaspheme against your God! Satan is all powerful!" how would that go?

After all, Satan has a religion just like Christ/God/Jehovah, etc. I believe if we are to be equal and fair, we must let each type of religion come and speak, including those who worship flying spaghetti monsters. Point being, either we must allow every religious lunatic to come here and say what they want or we must not allow any. All or nothing.

- Carl Lawrence

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"Will Arnett."



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"I'm cool with moving Dwight up."



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"Zach Galifianakis because, Jamie, that's just stupid."

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News



The UTMUnplugged crew sitting in the front from the left; Jeremy Jones, Terran Qualls and Lisa Farr. Standing from the left; Ashley Moore and Steve Holt. (Photo Credit/Bruce Harbin)

UTMUnplugged wants you to get involved

Bruce Harbin
Staff Writer

UTMUnplugged.com is a website that has blogs and videos created by students to show what college life is really like at UTM.

"I was looking for students who hang around campus, who are here on weekends, who are involved in lots of things," said Steve Holt, director of UTMUnplugged.com, as he began filling staff positions.

Holt said that the staff meets once a week to plan out what activities and events are going on on campus. He also said that the staff largely make their own plans with one another and go cover the events on campus.

"The reason I wanted to get people involved who were actually involved on campus," Holt said, "is because they pretty much hear what is going on. That's one of these reasons [the student staff] are doing all the work."

UT MARTIN FOURTH IN STATE IN INTERNATIONAL WEB SITE RANKING

University Relations

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Web presence and the interest it attracts worldwide has placed it fourth among four-year institutions statewide, as noted in a recent ranking completed by 4 International Colleges & Universities.

"As an increasing number of students and their families turn to the Web in search of colleges and universities, the importance of an institution's Web site and the 'traffic' it receives has increased. A well-designed Web site that provides easy-to-access university information about everything from admissions requirements to university housing and financial aid is a great recruitment asset," said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes.

"Just as important, UT Martin's Web site gives a practical option as international students view the campus, its programs and quality of life," he added.

International Colleges and Universities is an international higher education search

engine and directory reviewing accredited universities and colleges worldwide. The listing includes 10,000 colleges and universities in 200 countries.

Institutions included in the listing are officially recognized, licensed or accredited by national or regional bodies such as ministries of education and/or accreditation organizations. They are officially entitled to grant four-year undergraduate degrees and/or post-graduate degrees, provide traditional face-to-face learning facilities, programs and courses, and have an official Web site.

Universities and colleges are sorted by 4icu.org university Web ranking based on three Web metrics extracted from three different search engines - Google Page Rank, Yahoo! Inbound Links and Alexa Traffic Rank. The goal of the 4 ICU Web site is to gauge popularity ranking of world universities and colleges based upon the popularity of their Web sites. It is intended to assist international students and academic staff to understand how popular a specific university/college is in a foreign country.

TOSHA rejects guns-in-bars challenge from server

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A state inspector has ruled that Tennessee's new guns-in-bars law does not create an unsafe environment for servers.

An anonymous server at Jackson's Bar and Bistro in Nashville filed a complaint last month with the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The Tennessean reports TOSHA inspector David Blessman wrote in a report last week there was "no condition that created the potential for serious physical harm or death." The report stated that violent incidents rarely

occurred at Jackson's.

The state legislature passed the guns-in-bars law this year after an earlier law that tried to limit guns to establishments that primarily sell food was struck down as unconstitutional.

David Randolph Smith, who is representing the server, was also behind the successful lawsuit that struck down the earlier law. Smith said his client would consider a federal lawsuit if the state refuses to act. After the failed complaint, an appeal to a state administrative law judge is the next step.

Gubernatorial candidate pushes platform

Amanda Caudle
Pace Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 1, UTM College Democrats hosted a visit from gubernatorial candidate Mike McWherter.

In the hourlong event at the UC, McWherter fired off against Republican opponent Bill Haslam and shared his ideas of making Tennessee a more prosperous place to live upon being elected governor.

McWherter used his ability to relate to working-class Tennesseans as a persuasive argument in his campaign.

"I'm going to different countries trying to spend several hours a day, several days a week doing everyday tasks that everyday Tennesseans do. I've balanced tires, I've built a couch, I've even shoveled fertilizer," McWherter said.

He believes that being able to relate to Tennesseans will help win their votes.

Being a Union City native, McWherter is putting a strong focus on bringing jobs to the rural areas of Tennessee. He mentioned that bringing larger industries such as Hemlock, Volkswagen, and the Nissan Headquarters to rural areas

(such as our own home Weakley County) will greatly lower the unemployment rate.

"We need to make sure those jobs are located here, not in Kentucky or Alabama or Georgia," McWherter said. "We need to identify the associated industries with those companies and get them located here in Tennessee."

McWherter also plans to lower taxes on small businesses as a method to help lower unemployment rates and produce more jobs in Tennessee.

"I want a program of tax incentives and tax cuts for existing small businesses here in the state," McWherter said. "In the recessions of 1981 and 1991 it was small businesses that led to the recovery."

Towards the end of the session, McWherter opened the floor for questions that any students, faculty, or locals might have had. One student asked him what his thoughts on immigration and homeland security were. McWherter informed the student that immigration reform is in fact a federal issue and that any concerns should be directed towards congressmen.

As far as securing the border



Mike McWherter spoke to students, faculty and members of the community Wednesday Sept. 1, explaining his platform on creating jobs. (Pacer Photo/Randy Cavin)

is concerned, McWherter has complete faith that it can be done successfully.

"If the Chinese could build the Great Wall of China 3,000 years ago with their limited technology, I have confidence that we can secure our own border," McWherter said.

He also said that he pushes for firing people who knowingly hire illegal workers.

McWherter also answered questions regarding the Tennessee Lottery Scholarship and millions of dollars being cut from its funding.

"Because of its success, there has been a lot of tinkering with it," McWherter said.

"I think it's very clear that kids involved in prepay programs are better students and become more eligible for that lottery scholarship money. I think it's a very good use of the money that comes from that scholarship."

McWherter and Haslam are facing off in three televised debate beginning on Sept. 14. The debate is currently accepting video and written questions.

17th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival schedule of events



Wednesday, Sept. 8

Art Exhibit & Competition
The Arts Co-Op, 2-9 p.m.
Prizes: \$100, \$75, \$50
Sponsored by: Arts Co-Op/Dept. of Visual & Theatre Arts
Contact: Doug Cook, 731-881-7400
Carnival 5 p.m.-Midnight, Carnival rides, Downtown
Free Concert: Peacemakers and Selah
5:45 p.m., Downtown Stage

Thursday, Sept. 9

City-Wide Merchant Sidewalk Sale
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
Sponsored by: Martin Historic Business District

Soybean Festival Golf Tournament
11 a.m., Lunch served
Noon: Tee time, Pennington Hills, Sharon
Sponsored by: Martin Rotary Club
Contact: Chad Snider, 731-587-9993

Street Fair and Carnival with Food, entertainment, carnival, craft vendors, 5 p.m.-midnight, Downtown



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UTM Student Night: Concert/Performance by Jason Michael Carroll.
Opening Act: Kip Moore
8 p.m., Downtown Stage
Sponsored by: UTM Student Activities Council

Friday, Sept. 10

Bluegrass in the Park - Ryan Holladay Band 4:30-6:30 p.m., Weldon Park Stage
17th Annual Chicken Crazy, Hog Wild Sale BBQ Cook-off 5 p.m., Weldon Park
Cancer Crash Car Bash; 5 swings and a T-shirt for \$10
Proceeds go to Relay For Life, Downtown
Music at the GAP - John Simon, 7-11 p.m., at "The GAP Plaza"
Free Concert - 38 SPECIAL; 9 p.m., Downtown Stage



Saturday, Sept. 11

Soybean Festival 5K Road Race/1 Mile Fun Walk
7:30 a.m., Kids Run/ 8:15 a.m., Adult 5K/1 Mile Fun Walk
Martin Recreation Complex

14th Annual Soybean Festival Car & Bike
Martin Recreation Complex 8 a.m.

Soybean Idol "CONTESTANT WINNER PERFORMANCE" 8:30 p.m., downtown stage



John
Michael
Montgomery
9 p.m.
Downtown



News

Simek

From Cover

Simek's approval is the way in which a school's role will be recognized within the state -- a first for higher education in Tennessee.

"A community college is not the same as the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. It should not be expected to perform, even in general measures, the same way as a larger four-year institution does. The Complete College Act recognizes the differences among institutions and incentivizes individual institutions to more precisely define their role in the landscape of higher education and to do what they do well," Simek said.

Simek added that a simpler, streamlined process was being created for students attempting to transfer between institutions within the state.

"This is very important because we have so many underutilized community colleges that are a part of the higher education system. I moved to California where every community college had an articulation structure with the California State University system and with the University of California system and you knew when you went into Contra Costa Community College what you needed to do to end up at Berkeley. If you did that, got the grades you needed to, you ended up at Berkeley; there was never any question. We're going to get there very quickly and it's something we should have done a long time ago. I'm embarrassed that we didn't, but we're going to be there very soon and it's going to do great things for getting a college education to our

people," Simek said.

Those interested in learning more about the Complete College Act can visit the Tennessee Board of Regents website (tbr.state.tn.us).

Simek used the second part of his address to discuss the search for a new UT president.

Currently, the search has entered what Simek referred to as a "quiet phase." With possible candidates coming from other public institutions around the country, "they [the candidates] are less likely to spend two, three, four months in the limelight."

Currently, not even the search committee (which includes Simek) has access to the candidates being sought by the UT Board of Trustees until later this month. This, Simek said, preserves credibility of the candidates who likely will be coming from other institutions by keeping them from having to adopt a "lame duck" title with their current employers.

After holding interviews and narrowing down the list, the board will elect a new president on Oct. 21.

Simek then discussed what qualifications he would personally look for in UT's new president. He said the winning candidate needs to be a vocal spokesperson and an outspoken advocate for higher education. The president needs to be the "key internal advocate for why our education is important."

Simek also expressed the importance of the next president having the respect of

the legislators.

"Even in these times of reducing appropriations, they are still our largest donors. They are the largest source of funds to the university, they own all of our property, all of our buildings and they deserve our greatest attention," Simek said.

Lastly, Simek said, the new president must be able to "raise funds -- from private sources, from foundation sources, etc."

"The future does not bode well for increasing state funding and appropriations. I believe strongly that our legislators feel very good about higher education and will do the best they can to support it, but there is a limit to what they're going to be able to do once we move forward," Simek said.

"We have to find another significant source of funding."

After speaking, Simek received a warm ovation. While he is expected to make a few more trips to Martin before he leaves office, there was no shortage of compliments and positive reflections on Simek's tenure as interim president.

"Jan Simek has brought stability to the system for what we're doing on our campuses. He's also empowered the chancellors and campus leadership to do the kinds of things we need to do on campus. I'd love to see him stay on, but he's already addressed that issue time and time again. He has been, and continues to be, very active," Chancellor Rakes said.

reasons they take so many medications.

The state is the second fastest in the country, 44th for overall health, and dead last in spending on programs to curb smoking. And heart disease and diabetes rates are high.

"We have the effects of low education, high obesity and high smoking rates," said Dr. Leah Patton, a physician at Nashville Medical Group.

"We're doomed to be dealing with more disease. It takes a lot of motivation on the part of the patient to stop the smoking and lose the weight so they don't need the medications."

Abuse of prescription drugs is another contributor to the high prescription rate.

Since 2006, the state has had a controlled substance database so physicians and pharmacists can check whether a patient has been doctor shopping for painkillers, but doctors and pharmacists aren't required to use it. And the system has a lag time so that someone's prescription may not show up for two or three weeks.

Fine Arts

From Cover

be in place before demolition and construction can begin, but the budget has been set for the building and bids went out last week to determine the lowest price for the work that the department wants done.

Still, progress could be facing another hurdle if bids do not return under the allotted budget.

"The scary part about the whole thing is hoping the bids will come back below the budget," Doug Cook, Visual and Theatre Arts Chair, said.

Provided that a bid does come in under budget, Cook said, demolition and construction should begin on the building by the end

of October or beginning of November. The project is estimated to take about 18 months and the process of moving back in should start in the summer of 2012. The goal is for classes to start in the Fine Arts building in the fall of 2012.

Some students are also ready to be back in the building.

"I don't get to spend much time in it but I know it seems unfair to the theatre dept that they worked so quickly on the rec center but seem to be taking their time on fine arts building," said communications major, Brian Sullivan.

Other students enjoy the

events in different buildings on campus.

"I went to see a play in the Student Life Center last fall, I have also been to plays in the theater in the Fine Arts building. Though both plays were good, I really enjoyed the atmosphere in the Student Life Center. It was nice for a change," said secondary business major, Robbie Lasham.

The Fine Arts building was and will be home to many classes, faculty and students on campus. Several events such as art exhibits, guest speakers, and plays have also been held in the building in the past. The events have been

moved to other buildings on campus. The Vanguard Fall Auditions are being held in Room 216 of Gooch Hall, and Art Exhibitions are being held in Paul Meek Library. The Vanguard Theatre Seasons 2010 and 2011 are being held in the Student Life Center, and the UTM Dance Ensemble Concerts 2010 and 2011 are being held in the Student Life Center. The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts is temporarily located in Room 217 of Gooch Hall. Art, Music, Graphic Design, Dance and Theatre were some classes housed in the Fine Arts building.

Director

From Cover

something that disagrees with the rules of conduct in the student handbook he or she will have to pay a visit to Joe Henderson. This is where Henderson decides what the next step will be and how to deal with the issues brought before him.

The director of student conduct essentially decides whether or not the student or students in question have broken the rules of the conduct handbook. If they have, Henderson wants them to learn from what they have

done so that the same mistakes are not made in the future.

"I have conducted many investigations and I know when someone is not being truthful," Henderson said.

Henderson, a retired Dallas police officer, has worked as an officer for 17 years but was in the Dallas area for 20 years. He also worked at Eastern Tennessee State University with student conduct and student affairs before coming to UTM.

"Having been an officer," Henderson said, "will have

an effect on the way that I approach my job. I know that there are two sides to every story and I want to make sure that the students are all treated fairly."

Henderson and his staff comprised of Chad Lyons and Beth Parish understand that things do happen at colleges and universities and that UTM is no exception. That is why they are prepared to deal with any problems and investigate each one to find the truth.

Henderson said, "we get

referrals from campus security as well as the local Police. When a student is involved I will become involved and I will do my best to get to the bottom of the issue while remaining fair and balanced in my approach."

The personnel in The Office of Student Conduct are all relatively new this semester and are working with UTM student to do the right things and stay out of trouble.

The Office of Student Conduct is at 212 University Center.

Lighting

From Cover

funding from the UT legislature by the 2010-2011 school year. His hope is coming true since UTM has been approved to use stimulus funds for the lighting maintenance project.

Nipp explained the plan for completing the replacement of all the lights on campus. "In order to expedite the installation of the parking lot lights, the Physical Plant is upgrading the lights in the parking lots without the use of DePouw Engineering,

This work is being completed under the direction of Brad Burkett and Chip Wilson, both from the Physical Plant," said Nipp.

Nipp said DePouw is scheduled to begin design for the pedestrian lights this fall. "After design documents are complete, the project will be put out for bid. The successful contractor will start work in the spring 2011 timeframe," said Nipp. He said the lollipop lights will be replaced with the acorn-style lights currently

used in the University Village. Sammie Linton, SGA president, said, "Students have long asked for new lighting and I'm very happy that we are finally going to get them. A project like this calls for many resources to make this come true, and I know the students will be greatly appreciative once the project is complete."

Linton went on to express gratitude on behalf of the SGA to the UTM administration for bringing about the start of this maintenance project.

Tennessee ranks second as most medicated state

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)

— Tennessee is now the second most medicated state in the country, moving one spot from most medicated state three years ago.

That is despite a statewide effort to curb over-prescribing that includes a controlled substance database meant to curb prescription drug abuse and education programs for physicians about proper prescribing practices.

"There has been a slow but steady decline," said Dr. Roland Gray, who teaches a proper prescribing class for the Tennessee Safety Prescription Program. "It's a difficult problem. A lot of drugs have legitimate uses, and people need medication and most are properly using those meds."

According to The Tennessean, the Forbes report says the state's residents on average now take 16.9 prescriptions a year. That's compared with a previous high of about 18. The national average is 11.6.

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reasons they take so many medications.

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Jerry Lamb's Barber Shop

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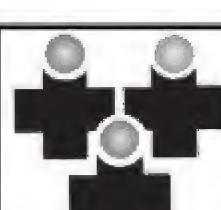
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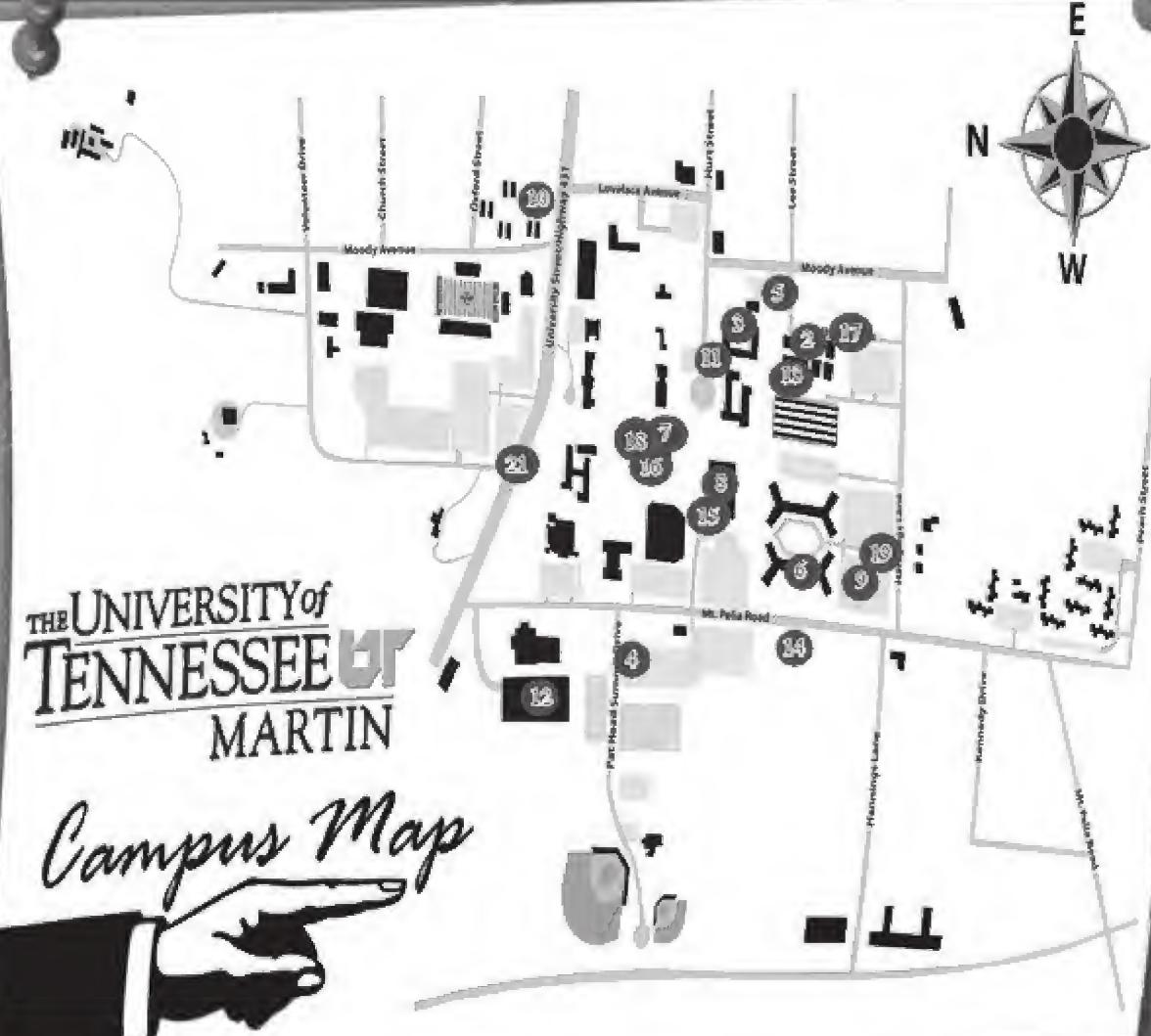
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| 1 8-27-10 at 11:28 am-Lot 5 (Univ Center)-Report of a hit and run accident involving two vehicles. Suspect continues. | 7 8-29-10 at 3:58 pm-Crisp Hall-Report of a suspicious person on campus. Contact was made with subject and they were found to be visiting a resident. | 12 8-30-10 at 3:00 pm-Elem Center-Report of a subject who had passed out. Officers and EMS responded and the subject was taken to the hospital. | 16 9-1-10 at 2:34 pm-Crisp Hall-Report of a vandalism to personal property. Suspect was identified, pending charges being presented by the victim. |
| 2 8-28-10 at 1:20 am-Univ Village "A" Unit-Two subjects were referred for underage drinking. | 8 8-29-10 at 7:22 pm-Univ Center-Report of a subject who had passed out. Officers and EMS responded and the subject was taken to the hospital. | 13 8-30-10 at 9:47 pm-Univ Village "H" Unit-Subject reported they were having problems with a recent dental procedure. Subject was taken to the hospital. | 17 9-2-10 at 4:23 am-Univ Village "B" Unit-Report of a subject who was suffering an allergic reaction. The subject was transported to the hospital. |
| 3 Fire Call 8-28-10 at 8:02 am-Cooper Hall-Report the smoke alarm was sounding. Officers responded and determined the problem to be mechanical. | 9 8-29-10 at 9:52 pm-Browning Circle-Subject was issued a citation for violation of the noise ordinance (loud music from a vehicle). (City Court) | 14 8-31-10 at 6:47 pm-Rec Center-Report of a subject who had passed out. Officers responded and the subject had recovered prior to their arrival. The subject refused EMS response. | 18 9-2-10 at 4:07 pm-Crisp Hall-Subject reported being harassed by another acquaintance. Both parties were advised to have no further contact with each other. |
| 4 8-28-10 at 5:40 pm-Lot 2 (Tennis Courts)-Report of a hit and run accident involving two vehicles. Suspect was identified and issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident. (Gen Sessions Court) | 10 8-30-10 at 4:18 am-Grove Apartments-Report of a subject who was threatening to commit suicide. The subject was located and transported to the hospital for evaluation. | 15 9-1-10 at 12 noon-Univ Center-Report of a subject who has been banned from campus being in the building. The subject had departed prior to officer's arrival. | 19 9-2-10 at 11:18 pm-Browning Circle-Mr. Brandon M. Taylor from Huntington, TN was arrested for driving on a revoked license (Gen Sessions Court) and a noise violation (City Court). |
| 5 8-29-10 at 12:30 am-Lot 18 (Student Health)-Report of a subject who was harassing a resident. The subject was contacted and advised to leave campus. | 11 Fire Call 8-30 at 2:15 pm-Cooper Hall-Report the smoke alarm was sounding. Officers responded and determined it to be caused by accident. MFD notified. | | |
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Any students interested in writing stories for *The Pacer* are encouraged to attend *Pacer* meetings, every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in Gooch 309. *The Pacer* welcomes students from all majors and any story ideas or suggestions, including feature stories, letters to the editor and editorials. Stories and story ideas can be submitted to thepacer@ut.edu.

The Spirit Meetings

All writers and photographers, this year's *Spirit Magazine* will be held Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in Room 313 in Gooch. STEA Registration STEA Fall Leadership Conference is Sept. 24-25. Registration deadline is Sept. 9.

Amy Yeung

Amy Yeung will be signing her CD Tuesday, Sept. 14 in Boling University Center in Room 229 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is open to the public with free admission.

Katherine Carroll

Vanderbilt University's Asst Professor of Political Science, Katherine Carroll, will be presenting a lecture titled, "An Embedded Professor's

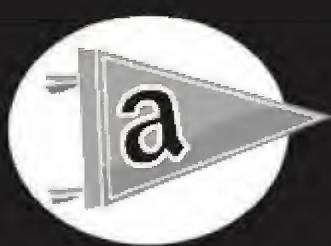
Experience in Iraq," Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium.

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'Machete' wields action, A-list cast



Trevor Smith
Co-Life Editor

Some will remember the 2007 double feature "Grindhouse" that was co-written by directors Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino, and it's outrageous fake trailer segment "Machete" that starred Danny Trejo as a blade-wielding Mexican vigilante.

Well, Rodriguez has expanded upon that fake trailer and made it into a full-length feature stuffed with ridiculous action, gallows humor and, of course, Danny Trejo.

Machete is a former Mexican Federal who is betrayed by his own government and has his family murdered by

a Mexican druglord named Tovar, played by Steven Seagal.

He escapes to Texas to work day labor only to be dragged back into a world of violence and, eventually, launch his own revenge upon the people who destroyed his life.

Pretty cookie cutter plot, but this movie isn't trying to "wow" anyone with its story either.

The main problem with this movie is that more than one person, Rodriguez and his long-time editing partner, Ethan Maniquis, directed it. The film feels up and down, sometimes laying on the violence and gore pretty thick, like when Machete uses the intestines of another man to escape through a window,

and sometimes trying to creep in a sense of romance and suave into the scenes.

It's absolutely fine to see Trejo get some screen time with actresses like Jessica Alba, Michelle Rodriguez, and Lindsay Lohan, but it really makes it obvious that there are two captains on this ship, and they don't seem to be sailing in the same direction throughout the movie.

Trejo is pretty solid in his first starring role; he's able to deliver his one-liners with effect while letting his craggy visage do most of the real talking. That's probably due to the often-used narrative that moves you through this movie.

His supporting cast does well to deflect at the moments

that he might have to take point with the dialogue. At those moments, it doesn't hurt that the movie features some heavy-hitters like Seagal, Alba and Robert de Niro.

Overall, "Machete" is a movie that, despite its problems, is a fun watch that will make you look back on it fondly. It's crass, violent and could easily be offensive (it does happen to feature Cheech Marin as a wine-boozing, shogun-blazing priest), but it all comes across as a big joke.

It's a blast to watch Trejo slice through necks, arms and stomachs as if they were made of rubber, and to see him get the girl in the end. A solid 6.5/10.

Soybean Festival 2010: What to do and when to do it

38 Special, Beatles tribute band highlight weekend of music coming to Martin

Layton Scarborough
Pacer Writer

21 years, 22 and older.

Tuesday was packed full of fun and excitement. Soybean Idol finals were Tuesday. The top 10 performed and the winner received a \$1,000 cash prize. Other events featured that day were Soybean Festival Parade, Salute to our Heroes, the Mayors' Kickoff Luncheon, and Senior Adult Bingo.

Festivities started on Saturday September 4 and will end on Sunday September 12.

The 6th annual Little Miss Soybean Pageant was last Saturday at the UT Martin Student Life Center. The pageant began at 10:00 am and was followed by the Soybean Idol semi-finals at 5:00.

Semi-finals for the Soybean Idol were held Sunday at UT Martin Watkins Auditorium, 40 people will compete but only the top 20 were selected to move on to the next round.

The 6th annual Soybean Festival Talent Contest was held on Monday. Three age groups competed to prove who was the most talented: Eight & under, 9-12 years, 13-

The prayer breakfast kicked off the festivities for today. Breakfast was served at 6:45 am. The Crossroads Luncheon, Celebration of Civic Organizations is scheduled to begin 12:00 pm at Festival Park.

Tonight branded Faith and Community Night will hold two concerts featuring 'The Pacemakers' and 'Selah.' The performances will begin at 5:45pm on the Downtown Stage.

Tomorrow night will be UTM Student night. Two performances featuring Kip Moore and Jason Michael Carroll



will take place in Festival Park. The event is sponsored by the UTM Student Activities Council and is scheduled to begin at 8:00pm.

Also on Thursday, the Soybean Festival Farmers' Breakfast will be held at 6:30am, followed by a full day's worth of events.

There will be a City Wide Merchant's Sidewalk Sale, the Soybean Festival Golf Tournament, Friends of the Library Book Sale, and much more.

From 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. all ages will be served during the Senior Adult Center Breakfast and Bake Sale. Plates will be \$4. After breakfast stick around for the School Children's Street Fair, Friends of the Library Used Book Sale, the Quilt Show, 17th Annual Chicken Crazy, Hog Wild BBQ Cook Off, and again, much more.

'38 Special' and 'The Return Beatles' Tribute' will each perform Friday night starting at 7:00pm. Each performance will be held on the Downtown Stage. Both performances are free.

This Saturday is also packed full of musical performances, starting with Music in the GAP Plaza featuring 'Jamaica Me,' 'Crazy House Band,' and '27 B Stroke 6.' Rock in the

Park, The King Beez, Soybean Idol Contestant Winner performance, and John Michael Montgomery will fill the night with music.

Before the concerts begin the Festival will feature a wide range of activities for everyone. There will be a pet show, art exhibit and competition, 1st Annual Disc Golf Tournament, Martin Youth Soccer Opening day Matches, and much more.

The City of Martin will wrap up this year's Soybean Festival with the Sunday Brunch to be served by Sodexis at the Skylawn Cafeteria. Following are a bicycle rodeo and the NFL Pepsi Punt Pass Kick Competition.

The Soybean Festival has become a fun tradition and important part of our local community. All ages and walks of life can find something to enjoy. You can see a full schedule and other information on the web at www.tnsoybeaufestival.org.

Clooney surpasses spy stigma in 'The American'

Not a 'Bourne' or a 'Bond': Director Anton Corbijn breaks conventional action film mold in his directorial debut

Brent Cooley
Pacer Writer

Based on the novel "A Very Private Gentleman" by Martin Booth, Anton Corbijn's directorial debut follows Jack (George Clooney), an assassin who goes into hiding at the suggestion of his boss Pavel, (Johan Leysen) after being attacked by unknown assailants in Sweden.

After arriving at a small village in Italy, he begins introducing himself as a photographer named Edward and meets a young woman named Mathilde (Thekla Reuten) who wants him to build her a specialized gun. He also meets a prostitute named Clara (Violante Placido) whom he forms a sort of bond.

The special thing about The American is that unlike most spy dramas that rely on near-impossible action stunts and frenetic editing, this film uses

slow pacing and gorgeous cinematography to detail the internal struggle of a man that can barely feel anymore.

He treats everything like it is just another job that has to be completed. Even sex is no longer pleasurable to him. The sight of a naked woman's body is no different than the sight of his guns.

Most of the film is spent on Jack/Edward wandering around the village pondering his own existence while contemplating his final job, the delivery of the new gun to Mathilde.

Much of the film spends its time on long meditative scenes as Jack visits a local priest Father Brudetto (Paolo Bonacelli) that relays his similar past struggles with Jack and starts seeing Clara who begins to reinvigorate him.

Still, there is the last job that he must finish. It seems

easy enough, but there is much more to it than a simple delivery.

In fact, the film itself is not simple at all. Jack is a person who does not know what to do with himself. The town where he is hiding is a representation of him. He is trapped inside and he does not know how to escape.

This is conveyed very well by Corbijn's lingering still shots and the slow, calculated pacing and Clooney's excellent performance, which is more akin to his work in "Michael Clayton" and "Syriana" than his turns in the "Ocean's" trilogy. He does not speak much in the film, but his facial expressions and body language say more than words ever could.

Another bright spot is the emergence of the beautiful Violante Placido. Her performance and her character's relationship with

Jack injects much needed emotion and relief from the otherwise downbeat, introspective storyline. Placido really knows what she is doing and here is to hoping that she continues to make films.

The American is a revelation in a summer filled with mostly poor films that use special effects and 3-D to lure in customers. Instead of staging car chases and explosions every other scene, it builds tension throughout the majority of the run time and releases it in a few well-executed action sequences.

This is more of a European art house film than a Hollywood action blockbuster, despite the presence of Clooney. So, in that respect do not go into this expecting another James Bond or Jason Bourne film.

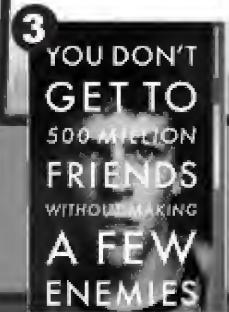
Do expect, however, a sophisticated look at a man who has nothing to lose.



Trevor & Spencer's

FALL MOVIE PREVIEW

- ① HARRY POTTER/DEATHLY HALLOWS, PT.1
- ② TRON LEGACY
- ③ THE SOCIAL NETWORK
- ④ NARNIA/DAWN TREADER
- ⑤ DUE DATE

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1****Tron Legacy****The Social Network****Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader****Due Date**

Trevor: It's the beginning of the end for Harry, and, while that is sad to some degree, I'm beyond excited to see it brought to the big screen. Even if we'll spend a large majority of the movie in the woods just watching Harry and co. trying to decide what to do.

Spencer: Sort of picking up where Trevor left off, I think this will definitely be the lesser-liked of the two films left to go. The second film has been reported to be all action, and it may need to be to remind those who don't

call themselves 'Potter faithful' to fork over cash to see it.

Tron Legacy

Trevor: Courtesy Spencer, I was able to see the first Tron recently, and it's only made me more excited for this film. Probably my second most anticipated movie of the year. Olivia Wilde (of House, M.D. fame) has a lot to do with that.

Spencer: While I can't deny I'm looking forward to Harry Potter, 'Tron Legacy' is hands-down my most anticipated film for the remainder of 2010. Everything I've seen, from

the top 10 Coen brothers' movies to marketing.

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

Trevor: I kind of feel like this is the franchise that might be losing its steam. That being said, I'm still a huge fan of the series, and am looking forward to the flick.

Spencer: I enjoyed the books and found the first two films to be pretty entertaining. I can't say I've marked this on my calendar and I really doubt I'll see it. To me, 'Treader' will fly

under the radar, but still be a proper imagining of the Lewis classic.

The Social Network

Trevor: Being one of the millions of people who uses Facebook, I'm interested to see how the idea formed in Zuckerberg's head. And I like Jesse Eisenberg, despite what people say about him.

Spencer: Agreed. Eisenberg sure beats his on-screen echo Michael Cera. I wonder what a movie about the founders of facebook will be about. I don't know if I'll find out.

Trevor: The director of "The Hangover" (Todd Phillips), a returning star from the same movie (Zach Galifianakis) and a do-it-all actor that can do no wrong (Robert Downey Jr.). Need more be said?

Spencer: Galifianakis is probably one of the funniest men alive right now, and not because of his role in 'The Hangover.' Watch his stand-up or catch his segments on [tunnyordie.com](#)—the man is even better than most realize.

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Column: NFL 2010 to be the party before the storm

Spencer Taylor
Managing Editor

Football fans nationwide whet their appetites last weekend as college football sprang to life on fields across the country. As kickoffs were made from coast to coast, you could almost feel a sigh of relief sweep from state to state as fans settled into couches or bleachers thinking, 'thank God it's football time again.'

Can you hear it? Can you feel it?

The beginning of the NFL season tomorrow evening in New Orleans will be the final step in ushering in months of pigskin for football junkies all over, yet it may be one for the history books rather than the record books.

Owners and players within the National Football League are ready to enter the 2011 season with no new collective bargaining agreement and with every passing week, a lockout seems more likely. Former coaches, current players, talking heads and generally just about everybody else seems sold on the idea of a lockout.

The league has locked into this bitter stalemate with the NFL Player's Association (NFLPA) regarding issues ranging from owner/player salaries, extending the season to 18 games and generally anything to do with the current collective bargaining agreement set to expire next March.

Bottom line: other than the 2011 draft, you can forget about anything NFL related next year unless a new CBA is forged—something the experts are saying is highly unlikely.

So, with a looming possibility that the NFL will take a hiatus next season, allow me to make the most of what football we have left and offer my pre-kickoff predictions for the 2010 season. I don't claim to be an expert—just an enthusiast.

1) Brett Favre will fail. I have a love-hate relationship with Brett Favre. You can't deny the man's ability, his gusto and when it comes down to it, he's just a hell of a lot of fun to watch. Being a Bears fan, well, I really shouldn't have to say much more.

It's with no ill intent that I say this, but Brett Favre will not repeat his success from last year and the Minnesota Vikings will be lucky to make it to the post season, much less the Super Bowl. Favre's offseason antics were well recorded this summer, and it wound up taking a cadre of Minnesota's finest veterans to travel to Mississippi to beg the old man out of retirement (when he was finally ready to retire, no less). Remove three of his favorite weapons (Harvin, Rice and Taylor) and a possibly still troubling ankle injury, and you've got a Saints/Vikings rematch that could leave Favre even worse than before. After that, the story won't get much better. You may see some flashes of vintage Favre, but they will be few and far between.

2) The AFC South will not be won by the Colts. Sorry Indy fans, but this year is Houston's time to shine. Best wide receiver in the NFL? Check. Top tier QB? Check. Strong

bend but don't break' defense? Getting there. Run game? Ok, ok so maybe they're not totally poised to capture the crown from week one, but this Texans squad has slowly gotten better as time goes on—this is the year they make a serious statement.

3) Surprise team (good): Kansas City Chiefs. With New England 2.0 running the front office and a solid draft, this team will be surprise team of the year. The AFC West is not the strongest division in the NFL and this team still has enough talent to gain at least seven wins. I think Thomas Jones has never really received the respect he deserves, but at his age he leads an already impressive roster of Kansas City backs.

4) Surprise team (bad): I don't mean to dog Minnesota, but they've set themselves up so well to fail. On paper, they're a strong team. Fantastic players at key positions and they've consistently dominated opponents for the past few seasons. However, when your team's success depends on the arm of a soon-to-be 41 year-old quarterback, that's when the flags go up.

I have no sympathy for Minnesota, however. They had ample opportunity to acquire McNabb, Clausen and any other quarterback that could have strengthened their passing game.

Also, their receiving unit and secondary is a little injury plagued and the 'Williams wall' isn't getting any younger. This is a "Super Bowl or bust" season for the Minnesota Vikings and improving on their 2009 run is looking more like a bust.

5) Chris Johnson will again hit 2000 yards. CJ is the most electric player in the NFL right now, and I have no doubt that he possesses the ability to produce consecutive 2000-plus yard seasons. The guy isn't surprising anyone anymore and hasn't been for awhile—point being, if they were going to stop him, opposing teams would have done it already. That being said, I would gladly sacrifice that title just to protect his longevity—we don't need another Gale Sayers ending and Tennessee could run him into the ground.

Again, I've never claimed to be an expert when it comes to predicting the NFL, and really, who is? I'd much rather have all these musings turn out to be completely false and still have one hell of a season to enjoy. Make this season count: get a little crazier, yell a little louder and drink a little more. After all, 2010 better be a season to remember in the NFL—it might be the last one for a little while.

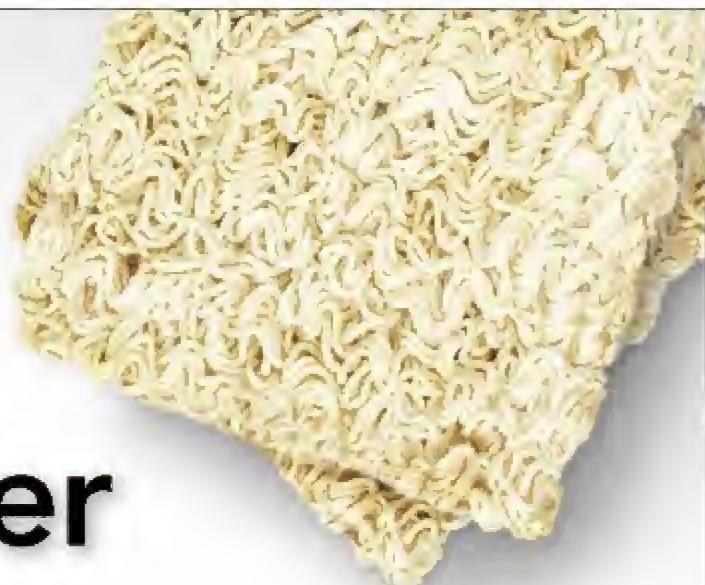
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Date	Time	Opponent
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Sat, Sep 11	6:00 PM	at Southeastern Louisiana
Sat, Sep 18	6:00 PM	Eastern Illinois*
Sat, Sep 25	6:00 PM	at Murray State*
Thu, Sep 30	7:00 PM	at Tennessee Tech*
Sat, Oct 9	1:00 PM	Jacksonville State*
Sat, Oct 16	2:00 PM	Eastern Kentucky* Homecoming Lambuth
Thu, Oct 21	6:00 PM	at Southeast Missouri State*
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Welcome to the New Frontier

Sports

Column: Nothing like Neyland

Joshua Lemons
Sports Features Editor

99,123 in attendance. That is what was announced over the PA Saturday evening in the midst of what can only be described as a thwarting from our big brother school from the east.

This is college football in the south, at its best.

Game-time was not until 6 p.m. CDT.

However, the masses started showing up around 11 a.m. decked out in their colors. They brought, campers, coolers, grills, tents, TVs and a whole lot of orange.

Again, this is college football in the south, at its best.

Sure there are plenty of places that you can see tailgaters for college football.

But there is something about the ambiance of Neyland Stadium that got me.

For instance, the "Vol Walk."

Never have I seen so many people looking to pet a dog or high-five a college athlete.

According to one of the officers, "This is nothing."

"Wait 'till Florida comes to town," he said.

"Really?"

"It gets bigger than this," I said.

One of the representatives for UTM asked me to observe what UTK did well and to think of ways that we can improve our experience here in Martin.

Some of the things they did well, there is no way we can do here. We just do not have the budget. They are the SEC, we are the OVC.

They have 30,000+ students, we have around 8,000.

However, there is one thing that we can duplicate that is free of charge.

Atmosphere.

The atmosphere outside of Neyland Stadium Saturday can only be described as electric.

This is something that we can recreate that would not only be a fun environment for the fans, but can you imagine how much the players would feed off of the crowds, week in and week out?

With the help of the "Orange and Blue Crew," things have gotten better here at UTM. The crew has taken it upon themselves to pass out chant sheets and the fight song.

But more can be done. We can tailgate too. There is no reason the Hardy M. Graham Stadium should not filled to capacity every single home game.

Last week's results on the field was disappointing for the players, coaches and fans.

But the atmosphere and ambiance were fun and enjoyable for both Vol fans as well as Skyhawk fans.

There is nothing like Neyland Stadium.

But who's to say that in five to ten years, or students, faculty, players and alumni won't utter those same, yet modified words, "There's nothing like Hardy M. Graham Stadium."



Tonya Jordan/Pacer Photo

Skyhawk quarterback Derek Carr fires a pass in UTM's season opener on Saturday. Carr struggled in his first collegiate start, throwing for just 66 yards on 9-22 through the air. UTM will look to rebound from the 50-0 blowout next weekend against Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond, La.

Vols cruise past Skyhawks in season opener

Josh Weiss
Sports Editor

It was supposed to be, "All in the family."

At least, that's what the T-shirts said. However, the 99,123 in attendance for the Vols' 50-0 trouncing of the Skyhawks in the two teams' first ever meeting on Saturday at Tennessee's Neyland Stadium had a less cordial mentality about them, raining down a hailstorm of "boos" from the very beginning, even as little brother, UTM, took the field.

"It was a dream come true, being in that position," said UTM wide receiver and Maryville native Stephen Sliver, who like many other children raised in the Knoxville area, had always aspired to one day be a part of "football time in Tennessee."

Unfortunately, though, the experience was bittersweet for the Skyhawks as the Volunteers dominated UTM from kickoff.

The Skyhawks never found a rhythm offensively as they managed only 142 yards of total offense to the Vols' 537, picking up just three first downs and advancing the ball across midfield only once in the entire game on a 22-yard rush by backup quarterback Julius McNair. The rush set up a 43-yard field goal attempt by Cody Sandlin that sailed wide left, maintaining the Vols' first shutout since blanking in-state rival Vanderbilt in 2003.

Through the air, sophomore quarterback Derek Carr completed just nine of 22 passes for 66 yards with two interceptions in his first collegiate start. Carr, who threw a mere 21 passes all of last season, definitely has the skillset to lead successfully lead the Skyhawks' offense, and while McNair did provide a boost late in the game, Skyhawk head



Tonya Jordan/Pacer Photo

Former Tennessee and current Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning roamed the sidelines of his alma mater's season opener on Sept. 4 as the Vols dominated the Skyhawks from start to finish.

coach Jason Simpson was quick to point out that Carr was definitely the starter, saying, "I'm in no delusion of who our

quarterback is."

Sophomore tailback Jason McNair had an even rougher outing, muscling

out just 7 net rushing yards on 13 carries, a far cry from the performance offered by Tennessee running back Tauren Poole, who totaled UTM for 110 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries.

Defensively, the Skyhawks played well early, but soon, the physicality and depth of UT simply overpowered UTM.

"A positive thing was I thought our defense hung around. I thought they tackled well at times. I thought we were physical; we just kind of wore out a little bit," said Simpson, who seemed relatively pleased with his defense's efforts against a superior opponent.

As fatigue set in, defensive breakdowns became imminent, and Tennessee capitalized.

The Skyhawks' defense allowed seven plays of 20 yards or more in Saturday's game, including a 58-yard run by senior wide receiver Denarius Moore who had a game-high 124 all-purpose yards on just five touches.

Volunteer quarterback Matt Simms impressed both onlookers and his opponents, completing 14 of his 24 passes for 181 yards and a touchdown in his first collegiate start.

"He made a lot of good reads," said UTM strong safety Kendall Harper, who picked off Simms in the third quarter. (UTM defensive coordinator) Chris Boone put us in position, but Simms would check down or take advantage of one-on-one coverage."

"This is disappointing, but we have to go back to work," said Simpson, and that they will as they head south to take on the Lions of Southeastern Louisiana University on Sat. Sept. 11.

Kickoff in Hammond, La., is scheduled for 6 p.m.

UTM cross country begins season in Music City at Belmont-Vandy opener

Athletic Communications

The University of Tennessee at Martin cross country team competed in their fall season-opener this weekend, taking part in the Belmont-Vanderbilt Cross Country Opener at Percy Ward Park.

The men's team finished with a total time of 1:24:04.82 and average of 16:48.97, while the women's team put together a total time of 1:25:41.82, for an average time of 17:08.37.

In the 5k, freshman Colin Johnson led the way on the men's side, finishing 29th out of 89 competitors with a time of 16:27.52. Ryan Pett and Tallon Scott finished with times of 16:43.20 and 16:56.57,

respectively, while Jiminy Watkins-Lynch recorded a time of 17:18.08. Benji Sparks (17:30.36) and Cody Lemmons (17:32.59) slotted in back-to-back positions, and Tyler Holmes crossed the finish line with a time of 17:56.67. Trevor Hancock and Ross Rankowski rounded out the field with times of 18:48.47 and 18:48.79, respectively.

Sophomore Ellie Lutz paced the women's squad with her time of 16:21.16 in the 4k course. Emily Jones (16:51.43), Hannah Wolters (16:55.76) and Samantha Hunt (17:03.80) all finished just a little over 12 seconds apart, while Laura Wind and Lauren Lancaster completed the field for the Skyhawks with times of 18:29.67 and 21:59.19, respectively.

"The returning men ran much faster than last year with Colin running about the same as our top guy last year, so they are a stronger group," UT Martin head coach Gonfon Sanders said. "The women ran as a tighter group than past years with new-to-the-sport freshman Hannah Wolters having the surprise performance of the team. But we still have much work to do in the next couple of months."

UT Martin will take next weekend off from competition and will resume its fall schedule on Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Old Timer's Classic hosted by Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky.